

Capture the Moment

George Eastman is credited for inventing a special film that could be used to retain images by way of sunlight. Initially, he placed the film into two devices that were named Kodak and Brownie. These popular products, eventually referred to as cameras, were sold in mass quantities and could save memories for the average consumer at a very affordable cost. Although camera film as we know it today quickly becomes archaic, the essence of capturing memories is relatively timeless.

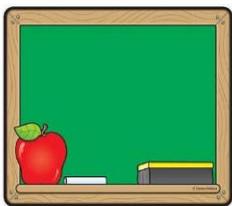
Whether it be on a smart phone or tablet, it’s nice to know that we can “capture the moment” whenever we want today and re-live great memories very far into the future. Undoubtedly, one of the most popular facets of modern society is the ability for students, parents, and friends to view, re-live, and share in the excitement taking place each day in school with our social media pages. Whether it includes field trips, service projects, experiments, special guests, or countless surprises – our photos capture great moments that altogether make for a very memorable school year!

Undeniably, the backbone of any school experience is the dedicated team of educators with us. Whether they are classroom teachers, specialist instructors, paraprofessionals, or support staff - our dynamic team truly knows how to educate kids – while providing many reasons to “capture the moment” during their childhood years.

Happy November!

Mr. Galligan

Mr. Frank Galligan
Principal



Interactive Display Boards

Funding has been secured to install new, interactive display boards in all classrooms for Grades 2-6 this year! These “**modern chalkboards**” connect to laptops and other devices to help differentiate instruction with text, images, audio, and videos each day. Aside from increasing opportunities to engage all kinds of learners, the interactive display boards will make for a more impactful and fun educational experience. It is our goal to have these fixtures installed and utilized in every classroom – Toddler through 6th grade, within the near future!

Building Enhancements

Thank you to **Mrs. Blasi** for her work in securing a grant from Ever Source to replace older lightbulbs and electrical fixtures with brighter, energy-efficient fittings throughout the building. These recent additions were installed while children were away during our recent professional day. Mr. Galligan has also been working with our Visual Arts teacher, **Miss Grogan**, to continue branding our school with new, professional signage that is now being installed throughout the building. Be sure to check out the changes on your next visit!



School Texts from Mr. Galligan!

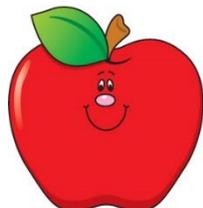
Parents and families are encouraged to sign up for alerts, updates, and reminders via text messages from Mr. Galligan. Simply open a new text message and enter **81010** into the number area, type **@stpeteraca** into the message area, and then hit “send”. Parents who utilize this service are reminded that it does not supplement our primary modes of communication, such as emails or Tadpoles, already in use; please continue to consult these platforms.

Winter Weather Closings

Please be advised that St. Peter Academy **does NOT follow** the directives of Boston Public Schools. If, and when, a decision to close or delay opening our Academy is made, ***the message will be posted separately*** to all major television news outlets (CBS4, 5, WHDH 7, FOX 25, WSBK 38, CW 56, and NECN) separately as ***“St Peter Academy”***, in addition to being sent out via an official text and/or email from the school.



***Parents are kindly asked to secure a contingency plan now regarding retrieval or care of their children when weather becomes hazardous before, during, or after school hours; there may be a need to close our Toddler or Extended-Day programs early if conditions warrant it to avoid placing our students and staff in unsafe conditions. Thank you in advance!



Welcome to St. Peter Academy!

St. Peter Academy extends a warm welcome to ***Ms. Catheline Rentas*** into our Early Childhood Program. Catheline comes to us as an experienced Infant and Toddler teacher from Sunrise Learning Academy in Boston. She's fluent in both English and Spanish and is very excited to be part of our Toddler Blue classroom starting on ***Tuesday, November 12th***.

Community Connections

As an urban school, St. Peter Academy is very proud to take advantage of the local amenities that both enhance the educational experience of students and encourage civic involvement. Students in our elementary grades have begun exploring the ***local library*** to check out books every Monday, while students in Grades 5 and 6 visit the ***Marian Manor*** for a half-hour every Thursday to serve snacks and extend friendship with senior citizens. It's been great to hear that students have found these opportunities to be enjoyable and rewarding!



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our annual Food Drive began on Tuesday, October 22nd and continues through Friday, ***November 22nd***. The complete list of requested items, by classroom, has been distributed via email with Mr. Galligan's "Piece of the PIE" memo each week. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity this holiday season.

St. Peter Academy Open Houses

We proudly welcomed ***20 prospective families*** to our Fall Open House on Tuesday, November 5th. Visiting parents noted the colorful, vibrant classrooms and attentive, caring staff as two of the highlights during their visit. If you are proud of our school, please consider encouraging potential families to visit us on ***Wednesday, January 22, 2020 from 9-11:30 AM and 3-6 PM*** to tour our Academy and meet our students and staff!



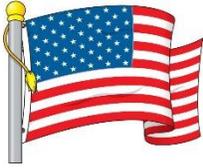
Thank you, HSA!

A very special thank you is extended to our Home-School Association for a successful ***Spooktacular Event*** this year. We continue to receive great feedback from attendees. Parents and families are encouraged to join us for the ***next HSA meeting on Wednesday, November 20th at 6PM*** in the Community Room to help us plan our annual "Breakfast with Santa".

Professional Development: Early Release - Friday, November 8th

Students in ***Grades Pre-K through 6 will be released at 12:30PM on Friday, November 8th*** so that our faculty may undertake Professional Development that focuses on essential curriculum alignment across grade-levels, important state-mandated anti-bullying training, and blended learning. Extended-Care will be available until 6PM this day.





No School: Monday, November 11th

Our entire Academy, inclusive of the Toddler Program, will be **closed** on Monday, November 11th for Veteran’s Day. Thank you to the service men and women who have served or fought to protect our country.

Field Trip Adjustments and Updates

Rather than visiting the Children’s Museum, our Toddler friends will have their Field Trip brought to them indoors this month with a surprise from “Farm Visits” on Wednesday, November 13th! Students will learn about and pet, fun, furry animals without having to go out into the cold!



Pre-K through Grade K1 will be visiting the Children’s Museum on Wednesday, November 13th for a day of play and hands-on discovery! Our students in Grades K2 through Grade 6 will enjoy a performance of “Willy Wonka” at the Wheelock Theater on Thursday, November 14th. Please ensure that your child(ren) is/are appropriately dressed for the weather conditions.



“Classic Cookie” Fundraiser

All students went home with a sales brochure and collection envelope for the cookie dough fundraiser to support student activities and extracurricular programming at our school. **The due date for order forms and money is Friday, November 15th.** The anticipated delivery date is Wednesday, November 20th. Thank you in advance for supporting St. Peter Academy!

“Pot O’ Gold” Campaign

Our “Pot O’ Gold” Campaign will begin on Wednesday, November 20th. Additional details are forthcoming regarding this important fundraiser that directly benefits our kids and their experience at our school.



TAG Day: Friday, November 22nd

Students are invited to dress in comfy, **mix-matched clothing** on Friday, November 22nd with a canned good or non-perishable food donation. All proceeds will directly benefit the local food bank as our Thanksgiving Food Drive winds down before the holiday season.

Thanksgiving Events

Thanksgiving Feast – November 27th

Students, faculty, and staff will enjoy a very special “Thanksgiving Feast” in school at 11AM on Wednesday, November 27th. Additional details regarding necessary items and potential volunteers for this event will be forthcoming.



Thanksgiving Early Release and Closure

Our entire Academy, inclusive of the Toddler Program, will close at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, November 27th in observance of Thanksgiving. There will be **NO EXTENDED CARE** available on this day. Additionally, our school will be closed on both Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th. We will fully re-open on Monday, December 2nd at 7:30 AM. **Happy Thanksgiving!**



Looking ahead...

December 2: Trimester 1 Ends

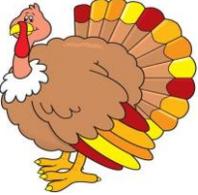
December 6: Trimester 1 Report Cards Distributed

December 13: Academy-Wide Faculty & Staff Professional Development / Early Release at 12:30PM: Toddler through Gr.6 -- Ext. Care is not available today.



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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| October 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Halloween 11AM Parade and Classroom Parties | November 1 Field Trip: State House Grades 3-6 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 Fall Open House 9 – 11:30 AM | 6 Coffee with the Principal 8 – 9AM | 7  | 8 Teacher Professional Development 12:30 PM Early Release: Pre-K – Grade 6 (Extended Day Available) | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Veterans Day NO SCHOOL Toddler Program <i>CLOSED</i> | 12  | 13 Field Trip: Children’s Museum (Pre-K and Grade K1) “Farm Visits” In-House Animal Experience (Toddler Program) | 14 Field Trip: Willy Wonka Wheelock Theater (Grade K2 – Grade 6) | 15 Classic Cookie Fundraiser Orders Due | 16 |
| 17 | 18 School Board Meeting (5:30PM) | 19 | 20 Pot O’ Gold Fundraiser Begins Home-School Association Meeting 6PM | 21  | 22 TAG Day Benefit: Hunger Awareness Dress in Mix-Match Clothing! Food Drive Ends | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Toy Drive Begins | 26  | 27 Thanksgiving Feast - 11AM 12:30 PM Early Release/ NO EXTENDED CARE <u>Toddler Program</u> <u>Closes at 12:30 PM</u> | 28 Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL Toddler Program <i>CLOSED</i> | 29 Thanksgiving Recess NO SCHOOL Toddler Program <i>CLOSED</i> | 30 |

Any and all calendar events are subject to change at the discretion of the Principal.
 Parents and families will be notified through email or newsletters of any changes as necessary.